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**H. R. No. 404**

**Representative Grim**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Thomas Lathrop as a 2026 OHSAA Division II 1  
State Champion in swimming. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 3  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Thomas Lathrop on 4  
placing first in the 500-yard freestyle at the 2026 Ohio High School 5  
Athletic Association Division II Swimming and Diving Championship 6  
Meet; and 7

WHEREAS, A remarkable athlete, Thomas Lathrop has combined talent 8  
and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship 9  
to establish himself as a standout member of the Ottawa Hills High 10  
School boys swimming team. With admirable dedication, he has worked 11  
diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in his sport, and as 12  
a result, he won first place in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 13  
4:33.46 and second place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time 14  
of 1:51.31 at this year's Division II State Championship Meet; and 15

WHEREAS, Thomas Lathrop is a truly exceptional swimmer, and his 16  
accomplishments and leadership, both in and out of competition, are a 17  
justifiable source of pride and a fine reflection not only on him but 18  
also on his family, his teammates, his coach, Emma Halpin, his school, 19  
and his community. His unwavering commitment to excellence has earned 20  
him the respect and esteem of many, and he is certainly worthy of 21  
recognition; and 22

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role 23  
in the total education of our young people, we are incredibly proud to 24  
applaud Thomas Lathrop on an exemplary season. Indeed, the same 25  
maturity and experience he has gained through his participation in 26  
swimming will greatly aid him in meeting the challenges of the future; 27  
therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 29  
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 30  
commend Thomas Lathrop on his personal success and salute him as one 31  
of Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 33  
a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Thomas Lathrop. 34